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SUBJ: PRC PROTESTS SOVIET "KIDNAPPING"

REF: HONG KONG 881

1. JANUARY 26 "PEOPLE'S DAILY CARRIES AS LEAD ITEM PRC PROTEST OF JANUARY 25 DELIVERED BY VICE FONMIN YU CHAN TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR TOLSTIKOV. PROTEST NOTE IS ANOTHER ERIC AMBLER STYLE NARRATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING SOVIET DETENTION AND SUBSEQUENT EXPULSION OF PRC ATTACHE KUAN HENG-KUANG IN WHICH RUSSIANS ARE ACCUSED OF "KIDNAPPING" KUAN USING "BARBAROUS" AND "FASCIST" METHODS. UNLIKE EARLIER NCNA ANNOUNCEMENT OF KUAN'S EXPULSION (REFTEL), PROTEST NOTE SPECIFICALLY STATES, THAT SOVIET ACTION WAS IN RETALIATION FOR PRC EXPULSION OF FIVE SOVIETS.

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2. COMMENT: PRC APPARENTLY INTENDS TO KEEP POT BOILING OR,

AT MINIMUM, HAVE THE LAST WORD IN THIS EXCHANGE WITH
SOVIETS. GENERAL FEELING AMONG DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY HERE IS
THAT ORIGINAL INCIDENT INVOLVING FIVE SOVIET DIPLOMATS
WAS AN ENTRAPMENT EXERCISE ENGINEERED BY CHINESE. IF
THIS IS SO (AND WE BELIEVE IT IS), IT INDICATES CALCULATED
CHINESE EFFORT TO EXACERBATE SINO-SOVIET FRICTIONS AND
EMPHASIZE SOVIET THREAT FOR LOCAL POPULACE. WE SUSPECT
WE HAVE NOT HEARD THE LAST OF THIS EXCHANGE.
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